



Rialto Fire Line

Firefighter of the year- Captain Steve Cunningham

The Firefighter of the Year (FFOTY) Committee was met with the difficult task of selecting the Firefighter of the Year for 2011. The committee is representative of all ranks in the fire department and was committed to reviewing all of the information submitted to them about the nominees. They reviewed the nomination forms and were diligent in selecting a worthy firefighter. It was not an easy task because we have many deserving people.

We are happy to announce the selection of Fire Captain Steve Cunningham.

He was chosen by the Committee based on his performance, initiative, commitment and loyal service to the organization. He was recognized for the following positive attributes:



- Professionalism
- Attention to detail
- Leadership
- Commitment to the goals and objectives of the organization
- Innovative
- Dedication

"Captain Cunningham was instrumental in the design process and delivery of the new Rescue Vehicle. He also worked on and off duty to complete the construction of the roof prop at Fire Station 203 which continues to be a valuable asset to the department's training program."

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Mutual Aid Response to the City of Redlands

July 8th

Shortly after 2:00 pm on Sunday July 8th, ME201 was dispatched to respond to the City of Redlands as part of the 3rd alarm fire assignment. The fire was located at the Cemex plant at Orange and Dishong St and was involving the main building on the property. Once ME201 arrived on scene they were assigned to protect the wildland interface on the east side of the facility. In all, more than 30 pieces of fire equipment from all over the inland empire responded to this fire.



July 12th

ME204 responded to vegetation fire in the area of Orange and 2nd Avenues. Upon arrival of the first Engine Company, the crew found a pine tree on fire with a small ground fire near the alley located on the rear of the property. Once the fire was extinguished, the on-duty fire investigator was requested to assist with the fire investigation. After searching the scene, 14 match books and a lighter were found with numerous additional starts. The matchbooks and lighter were photographed and collected as evidence for processing. The investigation is ongoing and the fire investigators continue to search for leads.

RFD SWAT Paramedics Assist with Multiple Operations

July 22nd

The Rialto Fire Department SWAT Paramedics, as part of the newly formed Inland Valley SWAT Team, responded to a barricaded subject in Fontana wanted for armed robbery. The SWAT officers were able to get in position and establish a perimeter before the suspect gave up to the officers. The Inland Valley SWAT team is an excellent example of local agencies pooling their resources for a common goal. Rialto Fire Department SWAT Paramedics responded to two additional calls for service during the month of July.



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July 31st

At 1:26 pm, Rialto Fire Department responded to a report of a traffic collision with victims trapped at Riverside Ave and Etiwanda Ave. On arrival, Firefighters found a two-car traffic collision with the driver of one of the vehicles still trapped in her car. After treatment was started, firefighters skillfully removed her from the vehicle utilizing the "Jaws of Life". The patient was transported to an area hospital by a Rialto Fire Department Paramedic Ambulance.



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Drowning accidents can occur quickly and silently. **It is the leading cause of death in this area for ages 1-5**, and the second leading cause of death for ages fourteen and under, taking the lives of approximately 750 children each year. For every child that drowns, four more are hospitalized due to near drowning. It is estimated that 5,000 children are admitted to hospitals following near-drowning incidents, with 15% morbidity rate and as many as 20% suffering permanent disability.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Rialto Fire Department Administration
(909) 820-2501

Rialto Fire Department CPR Hotline
(909) 421-4988

National Children's Center
(888) 924-SAFE (7233)

Loma Linda University
County Children's Hospital
(909) 558-1000

Fire, Medical, or Police Emergency

911

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

- *Surround your pool with a four-sided fence that is at least five feet high.*
- *Fences should be equipped with self-closing and self-locking gates.*
- *Install alarms on windows and doors leading to pool areas.*
- *Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment near the pool.*
- *All children should attend swimming lessons*

**NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN
UNSUPERVISED IN OR AROUND A SWIMMING
POOL, EVEN FOR A SECOND!!!**

These accidents can occur any time of year and are usually without warning. Adults need to supervise children around swimming pools, bodies of water, and bathtubs at all times. Take preventative actions to ensure home pools are safe. It is imperative that victims of these incidents receive care immediately.

New Recruit Training

Recently the Fire Department hired seven new firefighter paramedics to fill vacancies created by recent retirements and promotions. The new Fire Recruits are currently in their 5th week of the Training Tower at Fire Station 203. This intense, six-week program is designed to prepare the firefighters for the first day they are assigned to a responding apparatus. The firefighters are being trained in areas such as ladder use, hose lays, technical rescue, vehicle extrication and numerous other topics. The Recruit Tower will conclude on August 10th with a formal Badge Pinning Ceremony at the Rialto Senior Center. The time of the event is 2pm.



Response Statistics (July 1—July 31)

FIRES – 30

EXPLOSION– 1

RESCUE/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS – 547

HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE) – 15

SERVICE CALL – 117

FALSE ALARM/ FALSE CALL – 21

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- 731